

IADL/ELDH Online Webinar - Anti Terrorism Legislation/CHD Trials/Trial Observation Training Tue, Apr 28, 2015 17.30 UTC

The International Association of Democratic Lawyers and European Association of Lawyers for Democracy and Human Rights present a Webinar focusing on International Law and Anti Terrorism Legislation, the trial of Turkish CHD lawyers for terrorism offences and Trial Observation training.

This webinar is organised in the lead up to the hearings taking place in Istanbul in May of this year, involving the prosecution of Turkish human rights lawyers belonging to the Progressive Lawyers Association ('CHD').

The webinar will begin with an overview of international law relating to anti terrorism legislation by Jan Fermon. It will continue with a presentation on the CHD trials by one of the lawyers actively involved in the defence of the accused lawyers Ceren Uysal and will conclude with a practical lesson on trial observation by either Bill Bowring or Thomas Schmidt, to prepare those attending the trial in May.

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Speakers include:

Jan Fermon

Jan Fermon studied at the Free University of Brussels, where he graduated with a law degree in 1983 .

Since 1 September 2006, he has been a PhD student with a scholarship from the University of Maastricht. He is doing comparative research on the protection of lawyer client privilege.

Since 1989 he has been a lawyer at the Brussels bar . He specialises in Belgian, European and international criminal law , international humanitarian law and immigration law.

He published " Regularisation how and for whom " (Epo - Antwerp).

In 2010 he co-wrote with Ties Prakken the book "Political verdediging , An analysis of historical and current political and criminal defence strategy ."

Since June 2005 , he has been a member of the Bureau of the International Association of Democratic Lawyers.

Bill Bowring,

'Professor Bowring's research interests include human rights, minority rights, international law, and the law and practice of Russia and the countries of the Former Soviet Union, and Eastern and Central Europe. He has published widely in these fields, with more than 90 publications to date.

His research is enriched by his practice as a barrister, taking many cases to the European Court of Human Rights against Azerbaijan, Estonia, Georgia, Latvia, Russia and Turkey.

He has also frequently acted as an expert for the Council of Europe, OSCE, European Union, and United Nations, as well as advising the UK government. He was from 2008 to 2012 an expert in

the European Union and Council of Europe three year Joint Programme 'Minorities in Russia: Developing Languages, Culture, Media and Civil Society'.

He is a member of the Editorial Board of Law and Critique, a member of the Editorial Advisory Board of Historical Materialism, and a member of the Advisory Committee to the London Review of International Law.'

Since 2005 he is President of the European Association of Democratic Lawyers ELDH, an organisation of which he was co-founder in 1993

Thomas Schmidt

Lawyer, Secretary General of the European Association of Lawyers for Democracy and World Human Rights ELDH, www.eldh.eu

Trial observer in Turkey, Spain and France.

Fact finding missions in Turkey, Western Sahara.

Professional life: trade union consultant and trainee of German trade unionist

Ceren Uysal

Ceren Uysal is a human rights lawyer from Turkey who is actively involved in high level work in political cases, including:

- * the defence of protestors prosecuted for their involvement in the Gezi Park protests during 2013
- * the current prosecution of individuals allegedly responsible for the Soma mining disaster
- *the defence of CHD lawyers currently facing allegations of terrorism.

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